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Prices began the week unchanged but as the week progressed, prices were higher in New York and to producers in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin with remaining locations unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to good. Supplies were in balance to available for present needs. Breaking stock with checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light while offerings were tight to in close balance. Graded loose shell egg offerings were

currently noted at increased price levels into breaking channels. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Spent hen removal costs ranged unchanged to higher with majority prices unchanged to lower. Demand was reported as fair with fully adequate offerings. Traditional slaughter processor schedules were normal and rendering schedules were at least full-time or longer. The trade sentiment remains steady. Removal prices were 4.5-11 cents, mostly 4.5-11 cents, mostly 4.5-5 per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to at times good where features were in progress. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings tight to closely balanced for the mostly light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	33-42	36-39
LARGE	32-41	34-37
MEDIUM	29-38	31-34

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to firm. Demand into all outlets was light to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-55	42-44
LARGE	35-49	40-44
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

May 12, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	
NORTHEAST	43.00	42.00	38.00	
SOUTHEAST	42.50	40.50	37.00	
MIDWEST	37.50	35.50	32.50	
SOUTH CENTRAL	45.50	41.50	35.50	
COMBINED REGIONAL	42.26	39.92	35.69	

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSINPRICES PAID TO PRODUCERSFOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELDBASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN05-16-0605-09-0605-17-05Large14-2314-2318-27Medium11-1711-176-12

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAY 15, 2006
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

	No	ortheast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	14.9	7.8	17.9	10.3	57.9
	Change	0.0	-0.6	-1.5	5.5	-2.3	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.8	45.0	13.1	26.4	34.7	145.0
	Change	0.7	-23.9	1.3	-0.8	-8.1	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	35.0	153.9	68.5	111.2	93.8	462.4
	Change	3.6	-28.4	-21.2	-10.8	-18.0	-14%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	63.8	22.3	19.9	28.4	145.7
	Change	0.4	14.0	7.2	0.8	-4.4	14%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	7.7	1.6	2.9	3.7	20.2
	Change	0.8	0.8	1.4	-0.8	-2.9	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	34.7	10.1	11.4	4.6	63.4
	Change	-0.8	3.5	1.3	1.1	-0.9	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	56.5	28.8	40.6	24.0	164.6
	Change	-5.8	-9.3	-1.5	-2.6	6.1	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	100.7	376.5	152.2	230.3	199.5	1059.2
Percent	Change	-1%	-10%	-8%	-3%	-13%	-8%

TOTAL			Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1059.2	-8%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	260.7	-3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1319.9	-7%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks.

This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 13-MAY-06
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
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(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)							
	CA	SES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BRO	KEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,353	,010	32,642	13,348	7,125	3,640	4,391
PW	1,347	,068	33,063	12,787	6,900	3,263	4,383
LY	1,349	,298	31,111	13,983	7,438	3,066	4,401
% Chg P	WK	0%	-1%	4%	3%	12%	0%
% Chg L'	′	0%	5%	-5%	-4%	19%	0%
2006	24,298	,541	600,812	227,414	122,851	55,770	82,468
2005	24,251	,718	577,346	238,644	127,865	52,972	83,766
% Chg Y	ΓD	0%	4%	-5%	-4%	5%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.50	42.41	42.19
(Inedible Excluded)	39.26	39.16	38.93

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE		
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	596,248	44.1%	15,796	48.4%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	608,387	45.2%	16,757	50.7%	
LAST YEAR	559,686	41.5%	14,178	45.6%	

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler Eggs Set in Broiler Chicks Place					
STATE	19 Select MAY 06	ed States MAY 13	in 19 Selected State			
SIAIL	WIAT 00	Thousa		WAT 13		
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AL	*31,087	31,471	*21,507	20,897		
AR	30,270	30,039	24,595	25,172		
DE	*3,586	3,542	*5,137	5,940		
FL	1,361	1,378	1,435	1,324		
GA	*34,530	34,709	*28,916	28,312		
KY	7,275	7,214	6,328	5,990		
LA	3,874	3,923	4,035	3,782		
MD	*8,842	8,876	*5,201	4,484		
MS	18,408	18,385	16,100	15,743		
NC	*18,426	18,994	*14,787	15,193		
OK	*6,395	6,104	4,862	4,087		
PA	*4,094	4,202	*2,981	3,052		
SC	5,298	5,336	5,118	5,080		
TX	14,952	14,842	12,795	12,778		
VA	*6,460	6,472	*5,140	5,112		
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,685	18,023	*17,213	17,224		
19 State Total	*211,543	213,510	*176,150	174,170		
Previous Year Total	215,071	215,969	179,021	178,354		
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	99	98	98		
* Revised						

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 24-Jun-06 is estimated at 161.3 million head. This compares to 162.5 million head the previous week and to 167.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.72 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/11/06-05/17/06 **CURRENT LDS** 98.00 **FUTURE LDS** 67.00 **TOTAL LDS** 165.00

	S	SE	N	NE	M	IW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	19.00	20.00	20.17	21.50	_	36.00	19.00
GNR BR 1	_	32.00	_	_	_	_	2.00
GL W J	_	_	35.50	37.00	43.00	_	4.00
GL W XL	_	30.33	31.50	35.94	33.83	33.00	40.75
GL W LG	_	28.78	31.70	32.63	30.04	31.47	47.00
GL W MD	31.00	28.33	24.60	26.40	22.44	22.00	20.50
GL W SM	_	_	21.67	24.33	18.00	20.00	7.00
GL BR LG	37.00	40.00	42.00	_	_	_	5.75
GL BR MD	32.00	35.33	_	_	29.00	_	1.50
NRBS - 48	19.00	20.00	_	21.00	23.00	22.67	22.00
NRBS - 45	_	_	_	_	_	21.50	4.00
NRBS - 39	_	_	_	_	_	_	4.00
NRBS - 36	_	_	_	_	_	_	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO F	RETAIL CHANN	NELS \	W/E 13-MA	Y-2006
SELECTED	CW	PW	PC ⁻	T CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSAND	S	PW	LY
Atlanta	27.5	26.4	4	-1
Boston	3.1	3.2	-3	-9
Chicago	57.6	50.0	15	-9
Detroit	19.9	19.2	4	10
Kansas City	5.0	5.8	-14	35
Los Angeles	116.3	115.9	0	11
New Orleans	6.4	7.4	-14	2
New York	30.6	31.7	-3	5
St. Louis	15.1	42.4	-64	-4
San Francisco	17.1	15.5	10	-7
Total	298.6	317.5	-6	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	305.3			

TOTAL
TURKEYS
4,766
28.87
4,450
4,494
28.91
82,640
79,028

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS Week ending 13-MAY-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

Y	OUNG TUP	RKEYS	S	OLD	TOTAL T	URKEYS
THOU	JSAND PO	CT CH	G AVG	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE W	Γ-THOUSAN	ID HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	780	5	24.07	(A)	781	24.07
South Atlantic	758	-5	24.69	(A)	759	24.69
North Central	2,164	9	32.86	(A)	2,165	32.86
South Centra	l 742	5	19.55	(A)	743	19.55
West	318	59	33.24	(A)	318	33.24
U.S. total	4,762(B)	7	28.87	4	4,766	28.87
To-date						
2006	82,531(B)			109	82,640	
To-date						
2005	78,968(B)			60	79,028	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 7,000; for the current year to date 442,000; for last year to date 432,000.

LIVE POULTRY					Preliminary)
W/E 13-MAY-200	06 YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
		TH(DUSANDS	S	
Head	164,848	1,226	1,509	2,735	556
Avg Wt	5.45	3.35	8.35	6.11	6.82
Last week	154,172	1,121	1,530	2,651	503
Same wk yr ago	163,338	1,528	1,462	2,990	505
Avg Wt	5.32	3.21	8.08	5.59	6.82
To-date/2006	3,055,189	22,631	27,417	50,048	9,776
To-date/2005	2,998,844	29,227	25,673	54,900	9,608
(A) The estimat	ed number o	f fryers a	vailable f	or market	ing based on
the 2-week revis	sed average o	chick plac	ements 6	to 7 week	s earlier was
166.5 million he	ad. Estimate	d U.S. sla	ughter fo	r this perio	od was 166.9

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-May-06

million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

CVV - 05/20/06(1)	PVV - 05/13/06
THOUSAI	ND HEAD ———
166,266(2)	170,247
1,254	1,212
1,533	1,525
169,053	172,984
	THOUSA 166,266(2) 1,254 1,533

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-May-06 is 165.1 million head compared to 165.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 1.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-May-06 the estimated available is 162.8 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		
WEEK EN	NDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April	8	164.6	163.5	101%	5.34
	15	156.2	163.2	96%	5.35
	22	165.5	164.4	101%	5.40
	29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
May	6	156.0	166.7	94%	5.39
	13	166.9	166.5	100%	5.45
Year to d	ate	3092.4	3113.3	99%	
May	20		165.1		
-	27		162.8		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 15-MAY-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A				COMPOSITE			
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	47.00-50.00	48.83	37	:	50.70	74	
Los Angeles	75.00	72.33	67	:	67.87	158	
New York	47.00-50.00	49.38	24	:	54.58	59	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS Change from 15-MAY-2006 08-MAY-2006 16-MAY-2005

58.09

.72

NUMBER OF LOADS 630

58.81

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	71-72	71	71.00	10
CENTRAL REGION	70-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

<u>COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

•			•	Processed other
	Froz	en Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM (05/15/06	3,356	91,658	70,718
AM (05/01/06	3,381	75,818	75,982
CHG		-25	15840	-5264
PCT CI	HG	-1%	21%	-7%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE

(7 pounds and up)*	Final price, cents per lb	., Generally for	slaugh-
ter the week of 15-N	1AY-06		WTD
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.5-14 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.67
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8-14.75 CENTS/LB.	10-12.5	11.17
	oading (2) At Farm Process. subject to discount.	ducer Loading	

LIGHT TYPE

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

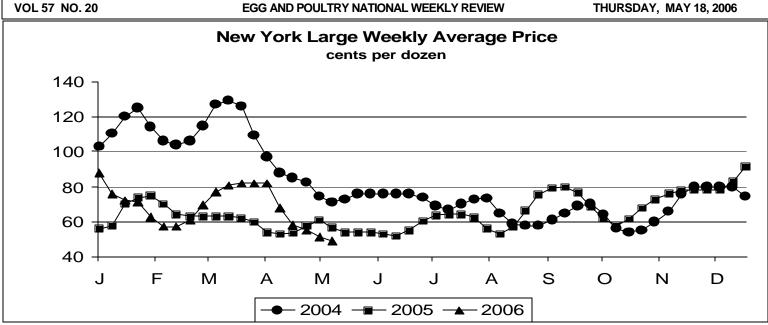
12-MAY-06	REMOVAL COST		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	
Eastern	5-13	9-10	
South Central	Too Few To Report		
North Central	4.5-11	4.5-5	

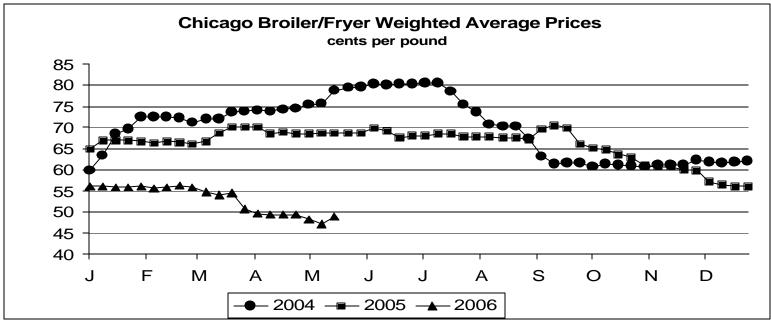
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT		(Receipts From Producers)		
W/E 13-MAY-2006	CASES	PERCENT	CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY	
North Atlantic	190.3	-6	-9	
East North Centra	l 634.4	10	13	
West North Centra	al 313.0	7	14	
South Atlantic	182.4	-2	-6	
South Central	56.7	9	-19	
West	180.7	2	-15	
Total	1557.5	5	2	
Matched Plants re	porting	84	84	
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)				

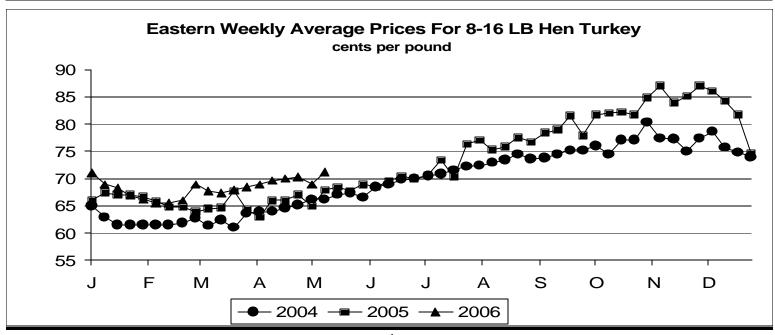
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE) East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD) South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK) West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

72.14









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